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8 Cup Survivors in Play-off Series at The Park!

POLONIA MAY TOSS JUVENTUS IN FIRST CUP CLASH AT WEEKEND

By MORRIE BUCKNER

If there is an outsider with a fair chance of winning this year's Dockerty Cup series, it could be last year's winner Polonia, but to justify its rating as a "dark horse", the Polish side must start with an impressive win when it meets Juventus in the 1.30 p.m. curtain-raiser at Olympic Park on Saturday.

THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT POLONIA CAN DO IT!

Since Polonia tossed Juventus 2-1 at The Park in July, it has been beaten only once in five starts — by Wilhelmina — and Polonia can field a better team now than the one that beat the Zebras at their last meeting.

As a matter of fact, this is the first time since Polonia won the Dockerty Cup last year that it has been able to field a reasonably well-balanced team.

Injuries and the return of star players Janczyk and Maruskiewicz to Poland left last year's champions merely a shadow of its classy 1961 combination.

Saturday's team will include a match-winning four-some. In alphabetical order, they are Henry Browarski, Jackie Dudon, Mitek Jurecki and Edmund Zientara.

If the members of that quartet could sing as well as they can play football, they could become permanent attractions at the Tivoli.

Only one of the four — Dudon — was on the field when Polonia beat Juventus six weeks ago, and since Juventus hasn't improved since then, Polonia must be favored to do it again.

Mobile attack

Assisted by Kaz Sczygalski and Lolly Vella and either Robert Gronowski or Rochus Dronia, the club's four aces can now put in motion one of the most mobile attacks in the State League.

This doesn't mean that they will have it all their

own way. They will be up against the concentration, anticipation and football brains of Gio Frangione, Steve Bukkos, and Wally Patterson, with assistance from Griggs, Barbon and Bressan.

Speedsters!

They can be expected to stall the Polish speedsters some of the time — even most of the time. But they won't stop them all of the time!

Only one factor has been added to the Juventus attack that is new and not yet fully evaluated. That is the advent of the fair-haired youngster Gio Zonia.

Gio had his first outing with the Zebras only last Saturday, and he can't be expected to become a star in his new environment overnight.

He should feel more at home this week, however, and with the club's choice of Barbazza, Biro, Acunzo, Kenny, Bottari and Pagotto, he should help to keep Stan

Sklarek and Co. on their toes.

All this suggests that there is sufficient talent at both ends of the ground to score goals in spite of strong defenses.

We are tipping that Polonia has the talent to score one more goal than Juventus.

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CONCENTRATION by Deiter Voigt, Lions goalkeeper, as he foils this attempt by Marshall Gibb, the George Cross centre-forward. In the Olympic Park encounter last Sunday, George Cross won 3-0.

FRED FALZON WINS THE ARGUS MEDAL

By BILL FLEMING

Congratulations to Fred Falzon, winner of the best and fairest medal for the second successive year. Fred made history in 1962 by being the first player ever to win the medal for a second time. I am sure all soccer followers and players will join with me in toasting this player, who has proved a credit to the game and his club.

Winning the medal is not an easy task, it is not won by popularity or guile. It is won by sheer merit. There is no favoritism and no sympathy, the referee in the final match has no idea how voting has progressed, he cannot therefore be influenced.



FRED FALZON

The following figures show how close voting was this year, and had anyone known before hand, especially the referee, he may have been influenced in his final votes. Six players polled a total of 20 or more votes.

Here are the final votes of the first six players: Falzon, George Cross, 26; Sklarek, Polonia, 25; Kenny, Juventus, 25; Dudon, Polonia, 23; Voigt, Lions, 23; Glennie, Slavia, 22. Players who received votes this year totalled 84.

These figures were checked and double checked, then checked again before the final result was announced. Had there been a dead heat

the winner would have been declared on a count back.

This is the ninth year that the referees have selected Victoria's best and fairest player. They have done a remarkable job. Without their co-operation it would be impossible to conduct this award. There is a lot of work, time and thought connected with this, and to the referees we say "Thank you."

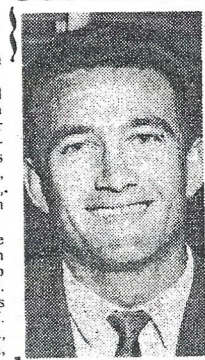
In 1953, when I was a sporting writer on the now defunct Argus newspaper, I approached my sports editor, Mr Nigel Balfe, and asked him if the paper would sponsor a medal for soccer equivalent to the

Brownlow of Australian Rules. He agreed.

In 1954, the first medal was won by Payne, of South Yarra. The 1955 winner was M. Busidoni, of Juventus, then in 1956 there was a tie between R. Wemyss, Polonia, and P. Cubero, J.U.S.T. Each was given a medal.

In January, 1957, the Argus ceased publication and I then decided to keep the medal going perpetually. J. McLeod, Box Hill, was the winner that year. W. Westerveld, Wilhelmina, won it in 1958; A. Drennan, Box Hill, in 1959; W. Janczyk, Polonia, in 1960; and in 1961, Fred Falzon.

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Referees' Column

By JIM DUNBAR

I am not the first person, nor shall I be the last, to seek the formula for cleansing our sport of the uncouth minority who by word and action succeed in ruining the pleasure of those who have the misfortune to stand near them on the tarmac.

Long ago I gave up the idea of appealing to the better nature of such individuals, having come to the conclusion that they don't have any. And don't tell me that soccer crowds are no worse than those of other sports, for quite frankly I'm not interested in that kind of argument.

Just imagine what it would be like if the referee spent his time on the field gesticulating and singing filthy language, or even having an occasional punch at his linesmen when they displeased him. Or we might even supply the linesmen with tones to throw at spectators.

Ridiculous. Of course it is. So ridiculous that you would want to have us locked up.

But what gives you spectators the right to blink that you should be allowed to indulge in such inexcusable behavior?

The other Saturday I was horrified to see a lady almost hysterical with fury because her team had been beaten, going into all sorts of tantrums and using the most vile epithets, despite the fact that she was surrounded by children.

No wonder we have delinquents, when they are subjected to that kind of muck in their impressionable years.

Many times I have witnessed supporters spitting on referees and linesmen as they were leaving the field. I cannot imagine a more vulgar and disgusting action.

Those who indulge in such behavior must assuredly have degenerated right into the gutter.

If you are one of those to whom I am referring, get away from soccer, and stay away.

And if you are one of the others who just "mind your own business" and keep out of trouble, remember this — it IS your business, and by ignoring it you are encouraging it.

Every spectator must help to make soccer the sport where we are proud to take our wives and families, confident in the knowledge that their first visit will not be their last because of the behavior of repugnant hoodlums.

What part will you play next season?

—J. DUNBAR.

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MORELAND'S SWAN SONG HAD J.U.S.T. WORRIED

by JIM COOK

J.U.S.T. were at full stretch to get the winning goal in beating Moreland 3-2 in the Dockerty Cup early game at Olympic Park on Saturday.

Play opened quietly with J.U.S.T. content to tip-tap the ball about, testing the Moreland strength. Moreland were giving little away in defence with Heath and Whyman playing confidently.

Grego paved the way for J.U.S.T. to score when he centred. Van der Poel missed his chance, but Marinovic shot from a few yards to beat the goalie.

A few minutes later J.U.S.T. made it two after a Micic lob was reached by Mladenovic before goalkeeper Popplewell could cover.

Moreland began to fight back with Oxten putting in a burst, aided by Richmond and Sabien. Keuken was roving dangerously at inside-forward.

A free kick taken by Burns found the head of Larmour and the ball was in the net to reduce the J.U.S.T. lead.

Moreland did well to equalise after half-time when Larmour caught the J.U.S.T. defence napping and scored.

From then on J.U.S.T. had to really concentrate. Piling on the pressure they often bamboozled Moreland's defence without getting the ball past Popplewell in goal.

At the other end Richmond appeared to be bumped off the ball when in a good position.

With only 15 minutes of play left, J.U.S.T. cracked through when Schumacher finally beat the goalie from a weak looking shot that curled away from the outstretched hands of the keeper.

J.U.S.T. dominated after this winning goal and finally won in all positions.

SUMMING - UP: J.U.S.T. will have to put more pep into their game.

they cannot afford to wander about haphazardly. Well done, Moreland, for Moreland certainly had the J.U.S.T. officials worried, if not its players.

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Juventus "off-keyed"

Melbourne 1, Juventus 2

The final whistle came as a relief to the Juventus players when it pronounced them 2-1 winners over Melbourne at Olympic Park on Saturday. Juventus deserved their win, but were "off-keyed" by the spirited Melbourne play.

Juventus started off in a manner that indicated that they knew what they were doing and intended to do it for 90 minutes.

Quickly they dazzled the Melbourneites with their speed and clever footwork. Barbazza, Kenney and Bressan were in good form.

Repelling the early attacks of Melbourne's Vajda and Georgousis, Juventus went to the front when Barbazza centred from a long way out from Bressan to neatly head past Albers.

Pagotto swivelled a shot inches wide of an upright before Barbazza took advantage of a defence miscalculation to beat Albers from close range.

Melbourne were all at sea and individual play did not get them very far. Menich tried but was blocked by Paterson for Juventus.

After half-time Juventus slacked off badly to let Melbourne steady themselves and come more into the game.

Not unexpectedly, Melbourne scored to reduce the score to 2-1. Weinberg had followed up the play and collecting a loose ball he beat Beureth.

Juventus scrambled the ball away on occasions. Up in the forwards Barbazza was combining well with new player Zonta, who came more into the game with a couple of well-directed shots at goal, where Albers was at full-stretch in saving.

Juventus should have had several more goals but could not shoot straight.

SUMMING UP: Juventus should have stuck to the task after

being two goals up. Slowing down made hard work of it and Melbourne almost sneaked the game away from them. Juventus can do much better than this.

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Easy for Hakoah

AUSTRIA 2 HAKOAH 5

How many people watching Hakoah defeat Austria 5-2 at the Park on Sunday remembered Austria had played a hard game the day before and that if they had not been so tired in the latter stages of the game they may have brought off the surprise of the Dockerty Cup games?

Hakoah well deserved their win, especially after Villiers and Carmichael gave them two good goals.

Austria put plenty of life into the game with Von Nagy, Neef, Schober and Rath working hard. Goeckler scored to put the Austrians into the game again.

After half-time, when Schwarz scored from the penalty, things looked bleak for Hakoah. Although pressing hard

they were not on the mark with shots. Perkins in Austria's goal was reasonably safe. Backs Stampf and Karra were flat out but helping Sohneff at centre-half.

Eric Haynes brought the smiles back to Hakoah's supporters when scoring their third goal.

Sid Thomas finally did his act by taking advantage of a Perkins mistake to notch the fourth, and then doing a solo including rounding the lunging goalkeeper to set the scoreboard on five to two.

SUMMING UP: Hard luck, Austria, for having to give a State League side a leg weary start. Hakoah were not flat down and could have increased the margin except for the spirited play of Austria's defence.

SUMMING UP: A hard and desperate struggle in the first half, but experience was Slavia's keynote to victory. Doherty was outstanding and Cook played well. Richmond's best was their scorer, Altesschole.

SUMMING UP: Wilhelmina without Van Alphen and Lugt were only a shadow of their real selves, but all due credit to Croatia and especially their defence for holding out. Vleugels and Stoffels tried hard for the losers.

EXTRA TIME WIN FOR POLONIA

Polonia 2, Croatia 1 (after extra time), at Tracey's Speedway, Maribor.

First Division North champions Croatia gave the well fancied Polonia a hot time before they went under by a Lolly Vella goal, scored in the second period of extra time.

With three former State League players in their line, the Basic brothers and Dinko Gulic, ex-Juventus, the visitors took the lead just before half-time. Peter Basic scored with a low drive from a free kick.

Mike Jurecki, who replaced Tony Vella before interval, equalised with a shot from the right-wing position and it was far from being a clear-cut goal. Referee Bartoli himself gave the goal, but then consulted his linesman.

Croatia, unperturbed by this set-back, fought on and even after the winning goal in extra time, they were still in with a chance of saving the game.

SUMMING-UP: Why Polonia played aerial soccer instead of their on the carpet game is a mystery. They were ill at ease against a side which had plenty of spirit and enthusiasm, and although Polonia had the greater share of the game they could not convert their

chances. Newcomer Browarski at inside-right got better as the game went on and he received good support from Gasior and Sklarek.

Croatia were triers all. Vojtek, the former Essendon junior at inside-right, played well throughout, as did his wing partner, Suhodobnik.

HELLAS IN A CANTER

S.M.-Hellas 4, Box Hill 1, at Middle Park.

With two early goals by Margaritis and Hatzeltheriou the writing was on the wall for the former State League side. Try as they could, Box Hill made little impression against their better class opponents, and after they reduced the lead through McLeish, the Hellas centre-forward added a third goal. A penalty award saw Xanthopoulos convert to sew the game up.

SUMMING-UP: Hellas should have won by a bigger margin. Hatzeltheriou was the best on the field with Margaritis in good form. Box Hill, a team of triers, had best service from Rae and White.

Cross could be the danger

GEORGE CROSS 3, LIONS 0

George Cross were exactly a fortnight too late in beating Lions 3-0. However, this convincing win at Olympic Park on Sunday will boost their morale for a good chance at winning the coveted cup.

Lions had their supporters hoping for many minutes that the side was going to score a goal and upset George Cross again.

Cross centre-forward Gibb put an end to that when he did a solo to score after 25 minutes.

Lions put a lot of effort into the game but steady play by Muscat, Saece and

McKenna kept them from scoring.

Captain Don Hodgson showed that he is a complete utility player for George Cross when playing at left-half. He was up and down like a train.

Falzen came on to replace Binnie at left-back, not that the defence was likely to crack.

After interval Abela made full use of Campbell's pass to score the second.

Lions' only chance was long-range shots that Azopardi dealt with easily.

Don Hodgson capped a good game by letting one of his "bombshell" shots go to score the third goal of a comfortable win.

Copeland was grateful for the run after two weeks out on suspension.

SUMMING UP: George Cross dominated in all positions. Lions are good triers but could not match the speedier and more sure-footed work of their opponents. George Cross could loom as a danger for the Cup.

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By DUNCAN McDOUGALL

Sunday's bill of fare at the Olympic "Coliseum" brings together in mortal combat teams on one side who made the "top four" facing up to opponents, as in Hakoah's case, who just missed the bus, and Slavia, who weren't told the bus was going.

Now that the necessary preliminaries have been dispensed with, the ring can be cleared for the main contests. The arena from now on, right through to the final battle for the Dockerty Cup, will, of course, be at Olympic Park.

Wilhelmina's name is surprisingly omitted from the list of final acceptances, and they still must be wondering how they got themselves on the outside looking in. They could be playing it cunning and reserving their energies for the interstate series!! In spite of their omission two hard-fought games can be expected to thrill the crowd on Sunday at the Park.

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At 1.30 p.m. on Sunday, J.U.S.T. will embark on what could possibly be their toughest passage in this series of "miniature league" games for the Dockerty Cup.

In doubt right up until the last gasp, J.U.S.T. suddenly produced the form that was obviously lurking in the shadows, right at the opportune moment, and from an un-cohesive mass of individuals suddenly blended themselves into the semblance of a combination capable of the potential improvement necessary for cup snatching.

All this, of course, providing they clear the Hakoah barrier. No easy task at any time, but much more difficult in the cup-tie "hurly burly" style so suited to their opponents.

The mark of extra time is stamped all over this match. Only one point separated them on the final league ladder, and man for man it would be difficult to point to any position in either side, and declare it a weakness.

Hakoah will have lost the services of their captain Hartley, now moved over the water to Tasmania. Two weeks ago this loss would have been keenly felt in the defensive ranks of the Middle Park side, but now what they've lost on the swings they have been fortunate enough to gain in the shape of Waugh, a real hard grafting north country type half-back, who I think will do more than offset the loss.

DIRECT APPROACH

The playing of Cecil at centre-half last week against Austria, although possibly a calculated risk, was not a move that would bear repetition against the experienced Yugoslav attack, as it merely served to prove that without Adams the Hakoah rearguard lacks a general.

With their more direct approach work, the Hakoah attack seems to have the edge on their opponents, whose forwards tend to overelaborate, a tactic that could prove fatal against the right-in-to-the-hilt methods of Adams and his chief co-operator Alexander and Woodward.

If any advantage is apparent, Hakoah could have it at centre-forward, irrespective of whether that berth is occupied by McQuillan, Haynes or Thomas. Each one of the trio, depending to a great extent on whether Waugh and Rogers keep it on the carpet, could make it a hot seat for Rice to halt their speedy break through.

The Yugoslav pivot is fortunate in having two dependable wing-halves in Frank Micic and Ruzmir. The latter having settled in to the J.U.S.T. scheme of things after a spell of finding his feet.

The highlight of the match and the probable result may well rest on

MANY NAMES

What's in a name? MTK-Budapest has had six names during its career as one of Hungary's top clubs.

Originally MTK, it has been named Hungaria, Textiles, Bastya, Voros Lobogó (Red Banner), before taking on its present title.

the battle of wits between Waugh and the Slavs' star forward — the mercurial Mladenovic. Appearing to lack shooting ability in his early appearances with J.U.S.T., Mladenovic has now proved to everyone, including myself, that there's power in them their feet, and if Waugh lets him have too much rope he'll hang Hakoah from the cross bar.

The temperamental Janovic will need to be at his coolest and calmest, otherwise Hakoah will

have a second advantage in the easy going but efficient Mannering.

STAMINA FACTOR

So little between the teams that only the Yugoslavs' recent improvement could swing the game for them. If a decision has been reached after 90 minutes play, a razor edge win to J.U.S.T. But if it goes to extra time, the superior stamina and determination of Hakoah could easily take both points.

Money bad for Soccer

"No longer can television alone carry the blame for falling attendances. Despite the complete ban on the screening of show games in areas where minor contests are offered live, the fans are staying away in their thousands."

"Now the responsibility lies with the players themselves. What was once a way of life is now a way to make money. Gone are the hard but colorful characters who played till it hurt and even while it hurt."

"Few indeed are those who can thrill the fans with their dash and daring. New gentility has come into the game, bringing with it no improvement in the calibre of play. Given the chance of big money right way, youngsters are by-passing the minor leagues for cash in quickly on the limited ability."

These views are not those expressed by soccer writer but by a prominent American sports writer and outline the reasons for the further decline of baseball. —JIM COOL

HELLAS TOO STRONG FOR SLAVIA

Coming on for the second house performance of the Sunday program will be Hellas, riding on the crest of an Aegean wave, and Slavia, who never seem to get higher than a middle rung on the ladder.

Hellas, being the pool punters' delight of the moment are the obvious and natural choice. Manny Poulakakis will see to it, however, that the superiority will not affect the all round plan of the Greeks, and right from the whistle it will be business as usual.

The fact that Slavia fully appreciates the situation could be their biggest incentive to go out and force Hellas right off their Greek pedestal.

Bedford may still miss this match, through leg injury, and his Australian partner Smith is a definite non-starter with a troublesome throat infection. The left-wing problem is easily solved by the inclusion of Salabassides.

Wing-half Ieremiades is expected to pass the fitness test and take the place over from Xanthopoulos, who in turn could oust Kalageros from the full-back line.

CHANGES LIKELY

No matter what team changes are made, or the number of reserves called up, the Hellas best should be too strong for a struggling Slavia.

The return of Berry steadied up an unstable half line last week, but the unexplained loss of the form by Glennie could well see the wing-half moving to the other side of the field, in an effort to pick up the threads of his form again.

Right-winger Haasz was another rapidly losing confidence in attack. Injured last week Haasz may be replaced by a Drda switch from left to right and Kicacs filling the vacancy on the left touch line.

Doherty came in for more than his share of heavy, ill-timed tackling last week, and whilst he can expect the same solidity of charging from Hellas, at least the tack-

ling will be right on time. Doherty, at the moment, is Slavia, and although his game last week was his best to date, the form of the majority of the Slavia side is below that of a team hoping to remain in the State League for much longer.

Up front for Slavia is still very much a two-pronged affair, with Cook the other side of the fork.

But so much depends on Doherty now that his team-mates must realise this player was accustomed to operating in a fluid and rapidly interchanging attack, and just because of the No. 10 jersey doesn't have to stick rigidly to inside-left.

Campbell of George Cross makes no bones about deserting his allotted position when he decides the trend of play demands he does.

A natural wanderer, always roving in search of the ball, Doherty is most dangerous when he gets inside the opponents' box. But better would it be if the other Slavia forwards rang Doherty, rather than

he dialled their number as one single opportunity but his way is worth a dozen chances going the path of any other State League forward.

STAR KEEPER

The Doherty habit of beating three men more in a short dribble accepted practice in professional football where his team-mates could follow the moves all the way through. But in this minor grade, which is junior comparison, he must collect his junior day where to attempt this men was asking for trouble — and trouble just what is coming along.

The only position where Slavia can make Hellas are in goal with Barotajs, Berry at pivot, Doherty and if in for Glennie and Angstenberger.

That isn't sufficient outplay the all-round strength of Hellas, even with forced changes. If Slavia's real fighting spirit could emerge on the occasion once more, keep the Greek mar down to a couple.

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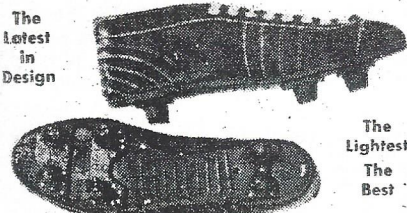


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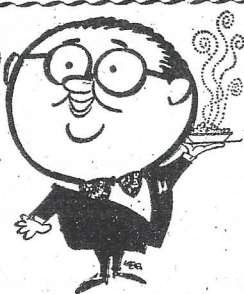
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METROPOLITAN ROUND - UP

By Onlooker

In the match of the day in the Metropolitan ranks, South Yarra and Triestina fought a thrilling game to prove that they were the best two teams in the Second South competition. South Yarra went on to the field knowing that they had everything to win and the First Division status to lose.

Playing with the wind in the first half the Haddocks had more of the play, with D. Goldie and K. Winfield the pick of the forwards. A good cross by E. Pierce saw Goldie's header brilliantly saved by the Triestina keeper. At the other end the Trident centre-forward made several attacks on the Yarra goal, all to no avail. Mid-way through the half, J. Slatz, right-back for the Haddocks, brought down the outside-left of Triestina and their centre-forward made no mistake with a penalty kick.

Immediately on the resumption, South Yarra received a penalty through a foul on Neville Haynes and that player netted quite easily from the penalty spot. Shortly afterwards a cross from the right-winger Pierce, of the Haddocks, saw the keeper grab the ball and was then immediately bundled into the net with the ball by D. Goldie, to give South Yarra a 2-1 lead at half-time.

In the second half Triestina with the wind had more of the play, but good work by J. Stevenson, K. Bain and T. Duggan supported by Slatz, C. Zwann and T. Arvidsson kept them out. Triestina centre-forward had one shot at goal which was partially stopped by Arvidsson, in goal, and which was later cleared by Bain just on the goal line. There was no further score after half-time and the match ended 2-1 in South Yarra's favor.

Box Hill's committee would like to thank Len Young for his efforts during the past season. Although the Hillmen did not get promoted Len has at least shown them how to play the game, as everyone who has seen them must agree.

Dick Rae, Box Hill's left-half, has won the club's best and fairest trophy.

Dick will be presented with the Haward Cup at their presentation dance on October 26.

Also Les Cheeseman won the McClelland Cup. Les has been the Second's best player for the season.

South Yarra committee will be organising a dance shortly to celebrate their promotion to First Division soccer.

Supporters of South Yarra and other interested parties wishing to attend will be notified of further details in a later issue of Soccer Weekly.

After last Saturday's match between Triestina

and South Yarra both clubs gathered for a farewell drink. They congratulated each other on successfully gaining promotion to the First Division.

The Duss Trophy for South Yarra's best and fairest player for the 1962 season will be announced in next week's issue of Soccer Weekly. Six players are favored to win it.

South Yarra's leading goal-scorers for the season just ended were N. Haynes, K. Winfield and B. Morton, who all scored 17 goals.

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SOCCER MAN'S DIARY 27

By DON SUTHERLAND



A MAJOR STEP was taken last week-end towards the re-affiliation of Australia as a full member of FIFA, the international soccer authority. Sir Stanley Rous, the British chairman of FIFA, interviewed officials of the now nearly-defunct Australia Soccer Associations before meeting the management committee of the powerful Australian Soccer Federation. The management committee is composed of the chairman of the major States of Australia, with Dr Henry Semonds of NSW as chairman and Victoria's Mr Theo Marmaras as deputy chairman.

When it was known that Sir Stanley Rous wished to meet the full management committee the members were urgently summoned to attend a meeting in Sydney last Sunday. Mr Marmaras was accompanied on this important mission by VSF secretary-manager Mr Stuart Beaton.

AT THIS STAGE of the season it is appropriate to record the contribution which has been made to Victorian Soccer by the capable effort and devotion to duty of our secretary-manager, Mr Stuart Beaton.

Some years ago Mr Beaton was employed on a full-time basis, after acting for several seasons as an honorary and part-time secretary. During these years he has achieved considerable stature as a soccer administrator, not only in Victoria but throughout Australia. His current duties include the co-ordination of 13 sub-committees, in addition to the full council and the correspondence, protests, appeals, complaints and requests of over 60 metropolitan clubs! Besides being available during normal office hours Mr Beaton attends an average of three evening meetings per week, and is ground manager at Olympic Park on Saturdays and Sundays.

WITH such multiplicity of duties and the unenviable responsibility of being the administrator in the many contentious points that inevitably arise between clubs and officials, it is a tribute to Mr Stuart Beaton's capability and tactful diplomacy that he has been the subject of so little criticism.

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I feel that the secret of his success lies in his unswerving devotion to his employer, the Victorian Soccer Federation, as a body. He has shown neither fear nor favor in his complex duties and dealings with clubs and officials from all levels, and whilst his adherence to the following of properly laid down procedures may have upset a few people who, from time to time, have tried to "short-circuit" such procedures, his activities have been free from valid criticism.

Mr Beaton has, over many years, been the pivot of soccer administration in Victoria and the successful performance of his duties as secretary-manager has been a vital factor in the rapid progress which soccer has made in Victoria. In congratulating Mr Stuart Beaton on his efforts to date, I am sure that I will be joined by the vast majority of soccer officials from all levels in looking forward to a continuance of such capable activity for many years to come.

WHILST ON THE SUBJECT of the successful performance of secretarial duties we should not overlook the capable service which has been rendered in an honorary capacity by the secretary of the Federation Junior Management Committee, Mr Don Joiner. In his first season in this capacity Mr Joiner has displayed real administrative ability and a tremendous capacity for hard work. With a season's experience behind him we can expect Mr Joiner to make an even greater contribution to the progress of Junior Soccer in the seasons ahead.

SANDRINGHAM CITY, who missed out on participation in the Dockerty Cup at the eleventh hour by a narrow margin of goal percentages, must now be considered as the likely winners of the 1962 Federation Cup. Captain-coach Ken Reid has led his team magnificently throughout the season and it was only by an inexplicable "slump" in their last four games, when they dropped four points, that the club missed out on promotions to the State League.

Tomorrow night, Friday, September 7, Sandringham City are holding their annual dinner at Siera's Brighton Club Hotel. Highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the Joe Sullivan Memorial Trophy to the best clubman, and the awarding of trophies to the club's leading players. These trophies include the Sierakowski Cup to the best and fairest player, which is donated annually by popular "Mine Host" Ralph Sierakowski.

WHEN MR BOB CLARK, Australian Federation secretary, attended a meeting of council members in Melbourne last week, the Victorian chairman, Mr Theo Marmaras, asked whether, in future seasons, it would be possible for Metropolitan League teams drawn from the competing States to play certain-raisers to the major inter-State fixtures. In view of the additional interest which this would provide for supporters of teams outside the premier leagues, this sounds to be an excellent suggestion and would provide an excellent "warm-up" for the main game. Mr Clark promised that if the suggestion was put officially to the Australian Federation it would receive full consideration.

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION now organises all inter-State competitions and the proceeds from these games provide the main source of revenue for the Australian body. The success of the inter-State competition in the 1962 season will give considerable impetus to the fulfilment of the many progressive plans which the Australian Federation has before it. Vigorous promotion of junior soccer throughout Australia is regarded as one of the primary objectives. An additional flip to the Australian Federation's finances will be derived from the Australian Cup competitions, which will be contested by the 16 leading clubs in the Eastern States. The Australian Cup will carry with it a first prize of £3000, in addition to a handsome share of the "gates", and it will surely be one of the most valuable trophies in Australian sport.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If soccer is to become a top Australian sport we must encourage young Australians to help us make it so!

Hakoah unimpressive in win over Austria

Hakoah beat Austria 5-2 in their first-round Dockerty Cup tie last Sunday, but the Blues were not nearly as impressive as the 3-goal margin might indicate. It was not until Austria ran out of gas and started to make shocking defensive errors that Hakoah broke a 2-2 deadlock at 70 minutes and piled on three "gift" goals that allowed it to survive and take part in the rest of the Cup series.

Hakoah's new recruit, wing-half Ken Waugh, attracted attention last Sunday for two reasons — his solid football and his bikini shorts. His knicks ended almost as soon as they began.

For the first time this season, we disagreed with a decision by referee George Yelland, who appeared to hand Austria a gift penalty kick. From where we sat, the slide tackle of Hakoah's Jimmy Cecil that brought down von Nagy seemed perfectly legitimate and should have yielded a corner kick to Austria, not a penalty. But, of course, only von Nagy, Cecil, and Mr Yelland can be the best judges of the incident.

Speaking of Jimmy Cecil, he's only 18 years old and he did a fair job for Hakoah at centre-half. There is no intention to discredit his performance when we say that he is not yet a Bobby Adams, however.

Never have we seen the uprightness and the crossbars battered so often as they were in the Hakoah-Austria game, and the George Cross-Lions match which followed it last Sunday at the Park.

There are plenty of grounds for Freddie Falzon's claim that no player should be criticised unduly for one off-form display in a long season. The George Cross left full-back was certainly in form against Lions on Sunday.

George Cross' play against Lions was very tentative in the early stages. But when Falzon replaced Binnie at 30 minutes, and Mustac and Hodgson returned to their normal positions, all uncertainty vanished and it was all over bar the altering of the scores progressively to 3-0.

Box Hill's young and courageous 17-year-old goalie Johnny Hagir, who started with the club's under-12's six years ago, put on a

good show against Hellas last Saturday. He flew high and dived low to save at least three certain goals.

George Cross discard Dick Rae played well for Box Hill against Hellas at right-half. So did another lad who has been with the Hill since his under-12 days — left-half Peter Keyes.

Juventus and J.U.S.T. didn't give their fans anything to rave about in their odd-goal wins over Melbourne and Moreland last Saturday.

The rough surface of the pitch at Tracey's Speedway certainly gives Polonia's on-the-carpet style of play no home-ground advantage when the club entertains visitors there.

The 29 goals that Wilhelmina conceded in 22 League matches and one cup tie reads like a pretty good record. But a few of those goals were terribly expensive. Some of them cost Wilhelmina eight drawn games and the State League championship. And last Saturday's single goal scored by Croat cost Wilhelmina its chance to participate in the profitable part of the Dockerty Cup series.

Croatia flew half-back Gulin from Canberra for their important cup game against Polonia on Saturday.

George Cross hold their Maltese National Day Ball this Saturday at Royale Ballroom. Tickets from the committee.

Don Hodgson has proved a proper captain for George Cross. He is their most competent "utility" player.

Juventus' new player Zonta looks good.

Lolly Vella scored Polonia's winning goal during the extra time against Croatia last Saturday.

Hats off to Moreland's Eric Heath for

MATCH POINTS

a gallant come-back. One of the very few players to do this in Victorian football. What about next year, Eric?

Victoria v. Tasmanian Juniors had a crowd of 3000 watching their early kick-off game at Middle Park last Saturday.

Croatia say thanks to captain-coach Bezo Basic for his efforts, and a big vote of appreciation to their players for helping the club win the division championship.

Croatia and Croat clubs have announced that they will amalgamate on September 22. The committee will be announced later.

Federation president Mr Harry Dockerty wore his biggest smile during the weekend cup games. This is the 53rd Dockerty Cup series.

Olympic Park should soon be packing the people in through the turnstiles again. All Dockerty Cup games will be played there.

Last Sunday's warm weather had all four teams "boiling" hot before half-time.

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POLES PROP UP FRENCH SOCCER

Though France's senior clubs are restricted to 18 players apiece, a recent survey shows there are no fewer than 59 Poles among the registered players.

All these players of Polish descent came originally from the big French coalfields, in the Pas-de-Calais area, which was desperately short of labor after the 1914-18 war, and appealed to workers in other countries to accept below-the-surface jobs that Frenchmen didn't want.

Thousands of Poles answered the call, and today their sons are propping up French soccer. Many have won top honors, including Thadee Cisowski, three times the leading scorer in Division I, and a French international.

A large proportion have changed their names. Others have merely abbreviated them. Ludowski, of Monaco, for example, has reduced his name to the more pronounceable Ludo. His team-mate Skudlowski is known as Theo.

Then, of course, the great Raymond Kopa is the son of one of those migrating Polish miners. Raymond himself lost a finger in a pit accident before becoming a world-class player. His real name—Kopanevski.

In other countries besides France, of course, the same situation has developed. Coalfields have supplied a large proportion of star players in Britain.

Inter have confirmed the appointment of Helenio Herrera as coach and have signed Brazilian star Jair, one of the world's best ball players. They beat Zurich by five goals in a pre-season friendly last week and ex-Villa star Gerry Hitchens scored three.

Another brilliant Brazilian star, Germani, is with Milan. In a friendly match a few days ago against newly promoted Modena, Milan won 3-0, and a feature of the game was the form of the two new boys, Dino Sani, an Argentinean star, and Gianni Rivera, Italian Olympic representative.

Juventus of Turin beat Lausanne 2-0 and John Charles' replacement, Del Sol, ex-Real Madrid, showed his brilliance and combined well with Omar Sivori. Neither of these two players figured in the goal scorers. Nicole and Stacchini found the target.

Fiorentina have Swedish winger Hamrin doubtful, but have signed Canella and Pentrelli from Udinese.

Full marks to Bologna's Danish centre-forward Nielsen, who scored five goals in their win 5-0 against Catania.

Fulham, who are minus star player Johnny Haynes until at least Christmas, have suffered another blow.

In the close season they bought West Bromwich Albion and England wing-half Bobby Robson for a big fee, but so far the player has not kicked a ball for his new club on account of a leg injury. Nevertheless, Fulham caused one of the

biggest upsets last week when they handed out Everton their first defeat and toppled them from the top league placing.

Another London club in trouble is West Ham United. Several of their star players are demanding more money and all is not well at Upton Park. Ironically enough, the depleted West Ham side held league leaders Wolves to a draw, to earn their first point. Len Young formerly played for West Ham.

Metropolitan XI v. Tasmania

Metropolitan XI 1, Tasmania 2.
Scorers: Metropolitan XI—Tyers. Tasmania—Waddington, Mackie.

Best players: Torczynski, Mail, Shrobalak for Metropolitan XI; Foster, West, Mackie for Tasmania.

JUNIOR STATE TEAMS

Under-16 State team to play NSW:

Surma, Treffars, Rubens, Pocyzyk, Cassar, Bi-harry, Yelland, Olinowski, Abonyi, Kadaglas, Watson, Sant, Knot.

Under-16 Metropolitan team to play Latrobe Valley:

Kidakis, Kluyk, Gladwin, Skrobalak, Argeres, Keuken, Iconomides, Carr, Blank, Watson, Osypiew, Timmermans.

Metropolitan under-12 team to play Latrobe Valley, September 9:

K. Cempel, P. Williams, K. Koliba, E. Linberg, J. Evans, K. Erwin, F. Conti, B. Hill, J. Galluzzo, S. Loughran, J. Grady, Res. R. Cranch, J. Koener.

TASMANIAN JUNIORS VISIT VICTORIA

By Albert Merrills

The Tasmanian High School's team arrived in Melbourne on Friday last and were met by Mr R. Harvey, junior chairman, Mr D. Joiner, secretary, and Mr A. Merrills, and taken to their hotel.

On Friday evening they were entertained by Sandringham juniors at their presentation night and a good time was had by all.

South Melb-Hellas very kindly loaned their ground for the first of the interstate matches. Before the game the teams exchanged pennants and chairman Mr R. Harvey, who made a speech of welcome, was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

In a game packed with thrills, and very evenly fought Victoria scraped home the winners by one goal in the last minute of the game.

WITH THE WIND

Tasmania kicked off with the wind and making every use of their advantage scored in the first 10 minutes after a hard shot by their outside-right was pushed away by the Vic. goalie, but their outside-left coming in placed his shot in the bottom left-hand corner.

Tas kept up the pressure and the Vic. goalie had a few narrow escapes.

The Vic. boys did their share of attacking and the Tas. goalie was also called upon to make some good saves.

Victoria equalised 10 minutes before half-time when the inside-left, who was the danger man of the forward line, crossed the ball to the outside-right, whose shot gave the goalie no chance.

Victoria had the wind advantage in the second half and went straight into attack. An almost certain goal was well saved by the Tas. goalie, who received a great ovation from the spectators on more than one occasion for his outstanding efforts.

The game moved from end to end with hard, fast

play which pleased the large crowd. Vic. won a corner kick in the closing minutes of the game. Chudiak, who had been brought up from defence to play on the forward line, took the kick and with a curving shot which deceived the Tas. goalie scored the deciding goal.

Tasmania's goal scorer was Wayne Correa, best players, C. West, Owen and outstanding goalkeeper was Bart Laning.

Vic. scorers were Chudiak and Tarasuk, best players, Kupiec, Nowak and Chudiak.

Praise must go to the officials of the J.U.S.T. Soccer Club for encouraging their junior teams and sponsoring them on country visits. Early in August J.U.S.T. visited the Moe United Soccer Club with an under-12 and under-14 team, and won both games.

Last Saturday J.U.S.T. invited Moe to Melbourne for return games. Later in the day the Moe boys were guests of J.U.S.T. at Olympic Park to see the J.U.S.T. v. Moreland game.

After the game the visitors were given afternoon tea and met the officials of the J.U.S.T. club.

APPRECIATED

The junior management committee appreciate the efforts of J.U.S.T. in helping junior soccer.

It is interesting to see that the Moe junior club has for its secretary Mrs C. Borondy, wife of Moe's chief coach. Although Mrs Borondy has three young children she manages to find time to take an active interest in club

affairs. Moe, who had only five boys at the beginning of the season, now has a membership of 69 under-14. The boys raise their own finance by running raffles, etc., and are hoping to raise enough to build clubrooms. They are very keen soccer enthusiasts and would welcome visits from Melbourne clubs. Teams interested should get in touch with Mrs C. Borondy, 5 Tuxford Street, Nth Newborough, Vic.

The junior management committee held a meeting with the Referees' Association to discuss the position regarding referees for next season. The Referees' Association is prepared to coach boys who are interested in taking up refereeing and they hope to be able to arrange summer coaching classes. Interested persons should contact Mr D. Joiner, junior secretary, c/o Olympic Park.

FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the south of the Yarra clubs took place at the YMCA on August 29 and was well attended. Mr R. Harvey welcomed delegates and after an address handed the meeting over to Mr G. Dobb, chairman.

The betterment of junior soccer was discussed and a committee formed, consisting of secretary, Mr Mould, Sth Yarra; members: Mr Torry, Frankston; Mr Bi-harry, Melbourne; Mr Walsh, Park Rangers; Mr Forster, Ind; Mr Rae, Aspendale; Lt Raines, Army App; Mr Rubens, Springvale; Mr Loday, Frankston; Mr Bermingham, Park Rangers. A meeting will be arranged in the near future for this committee.

The league game between Box Hill and Hakoah last weekend resulted in a win for Box Hill by five goals to two.

Box Hill opened the scoring in the first minute with a good goal by Fyfe. This stung Hakoah into attack and they equalised 15 minutes later. In the first half play was fairly even with both teams missing chances.

On resumption Fyfe scored a further two goals to get his hat-trick and put his team in the lead. Although Hakoah scored a second goal they were unable to stop two further goals for Box Hill through McDonald and Wells.

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George Cross under-16, with still another game to play, are Zone B section champions. George Cross beat Lions A one goal to nil to gain leadership from W. Newport, who have now played all their games.

The game between George Cross and Lions was good, clean soccer, although the wind spoiled many good moves. With the wind in their favor George Cross could not score in the first half although they had a few near misses. In the second half both teams had their share of the play but George Cross were playing better and keeping the ball on the ground. After 10 minutes Hinze took possession of the ball and moved up near the penalty area and with a low shot beat the Lions' goalie the only goal of the match. Lions tried hard to equalise but the strong George Cross defence held.

The George Cross champion team is made up as follows: L. Kastner, J. Zahra, E. Cassar, H. Hinze, J. Yelland, J. Truskowski, T. Bogatirov, B. Kreinbihl, T. Stafrace, T. Caligari, T. Cordina, T. Agius, E. Chetcuti, A. Soccio, M. Chircop.

Melbourne under-13 team beat the Army Apprentices, and although beaten the visitors put up a tremendous fight and showed wonderful teamwork, with more coaching they will no doubt develop into a winning side.

In sunny and slightly windy conditions the visitors kicked off and went into attack but Melbourne cleared and pressed hard for a goal but missed some good chances. The Army goalie made some brilliant saves but finally Melbourne's forwards broke through and scored the first goal, which was followed by several more.

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WORST DISASTER IN SOCCER HISTORY

On March 9, 1946, occurred the worst disaster in the history of soccer.

At Burnden Park, Bolton, 33 people were killed and 550 injured when crush barriers collapsed and the large crowd was suddenly sent reeling forward.

The match was a war-time cup game with Stoke City, and with Bolton having reached the sixth round a big gate was expected.

The great Stan Matthews at his height was playing for Stoke, and by some strange stroke of fate Bolton were the only team for a radius of about 20 miles to be drawn at home. This is quite remarkable when one realises that this 20 miles includes Manchester City, Manchester United, Blackburn, Burnley, Bury, Oldham and Preston.

The ground record for Burnden Park had been established in 1933 when just short of 70,000 crammed into the ground. At one end of the ground the popular railway embankment held somewhere in the region of 25,000.

However, this part of the ground had only two turnstiles, a factor which probably contributed most to the colossal accident.

With about 85,000 people trying to push their way in, an anxious father found that the pressure was too great for his small son and decided to take him out of the ground. The only exit from the railway embankment was a large padlocked gate near the two turnstiles.

In desperation the father picked the lock on the gate and slipped away from the ground. This was the signal for thousands of impatient fans to vacate the dreadful queue and enter the ground at once.

At five minutes to three the teams ran out onto the pitch. Simultaneously the crowd reacted by lunging forward to see. Two barriers collapsed and helpless spectators piled on top of one another three and even four deep.

Meanwhile the game began, and, as is often the case, the seriousness of

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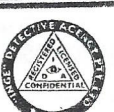


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S.M.-HELLAS	22	15	2	5	51	21	32
JUVENTUS	22	13	4	5	48	23	30
WILHELMINA	22	11	8	3	54	28	30
J.U.S.T.	22	12	5	5	34	26	29
GEORGE CROSS	22	12	4	6	44	25	28
HAKOAH	22	12	4	6	43	29	28
SLAVIA	22	8	6	8	32	31	22
POLONIA	22	9	3	10	30	29	21
MELBOURNE	22	6	4	12	27	46	16
CROAT	22	5	4	13	21	45	14
LIONS	22	4	4	14	24	47	12
MORELAND	22	1	0	21	16	74	2

— What's on at Olympic Park —

1.30 p.m. —

Saturday, Sept. 8 — Juventus v Polonia.
 Sunday, Sept. 9 — J.U.S.T. v Hakoah.
 Saturday, Sept. 15 — Hakoah v Polonia.
 Sunday, Sept. 16 — George Cross v Slavia.
 Saturday, Sept. 22 — Croat v Slavia.
 Sunday, Sept. 23 — J.U.S.T. v Polonia.

3.05 p.m. —

Saturday, Sept. 8 — Croat v George Cross.
 Sunday, Sept. 9 — Hellas v Slavia.
 Saturday, Sept. 15 — Hellas v Croat.
 Sunday, Sept. 16 — Juventus v J.U.S.T.
 Saturday, Sept. 22 — Juventus v Hakoah.
 Sunday, Sept. 23 — Hellas v George Cross.

LAST WEEK

VICTORIAN SOCCER
 FEDERATION
 RESULTS — SEPT. 1, 1962
 DOCKERTY CUP
 1st ROUND

J.U.S.T. 3, Moreland 2
 Australia 2, Hakoah 5
 George Cross 3, Lions 0
 Croatia 1, P'nia 2 (extra time)
 S.M.-Hellas 4, Box Hill 1
 Richmond 1, Slavia 1
 Wilhelmina 6, Croat 1

FEDERATION CUP

1st ROUND
 Triestina, W.O., S. Yarra, L.P.
 Geelong Scottish 1, Alexander 1
 Park Rangers 4, Brunswick 2
 Bell Park, W.O.
 Commonwealth Banks, L.P.
 Trident 0, University 0 (after
 extra time, Corner, Trident
 6, Univ. 2)

Baywater, W.O.
 Triestina-Olympia, L.P.
 Maccabi 4, Ringwood 1
 Libertas 5, Geelong 2
 Croynod 6, Florentina 6
 Kensington 3, Williamstown 6
 Ballarat, W.O., Rosebud, L.P.
 Springvale 6, Brighton 3
 Seymour 3, St. Albans 1
 Yallourn, W.O., Azarov, L.P.
 Sunshine Heights 3, Ajax 2
 Oakleigh, W.O., Bendigo, L.P.
 Sunshine City 3, Slavia 0
 Fairfield, W.O., Corio, L.P.

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Wilhelmina 0, S.M.-Hellas 3
 FIRST SOUTH
 Australia 2, Makedonia 0
 SECOND SOUTH
 South Yarra 2, Triestina 1
 Moorabbin 4, Frankston 7
 FIRST NORTH RESERVES
 Sunshine City 3, Slavia 0
 Moonee Ponds, L.P.

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S.M.-Hellas	22	19	0	3	82	17	38
J.U.S.T.	22	16	1	5	87	31	33
Hakoah	22	15	1	6	60	25	31
George Cross	22	11	5	6	39	23	27
Melbourne	22	11	5	6	47	45	27
Wilhelmina	22	12	2	8	62	44	26
Juventus	22	11	1	10	60	75	23
Slavia	22	7	5	10	30	45	19
Polonia	22	5	3	14	33	55	13
Moreland	22	2	5	15	27	61	9
Lions	22	2	5	15	22	68	9
Croat	22	4	1	17	31	91	9
Moreland	22	2	5	15	27	61	9

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ballarat	21	17	3	1	124	18	37
Bell Park	21	15	3	3	101	29	33
Geelong Scottish	22	15	2	5	98	25	32
Azzurri	21	13	3	5	42	32	29
Springvale	20	12	3	5	51	30	27
South Yarra	22	9	4	9	45	43	22
Alex.	21	7	6	8	44	46	20
Brunswick	20	6	3	11	31	36	15
Frankton	21	6	1	14	24	83	13
Moorabbin	22	6	0	16	26	82	12
Park Rangers	22	4	0	18	26	92	8
Ringwood	21	2	2	17	21	137	6

FIRST NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	22	19	1	2	67	11	39
Box Hill	22	15	4	3	47	20	34
Florentina	21	13	0	8	48	28	26
Alexander	21	9	6	6	48	31	24
Moonee Ponds	22	9	5	8	34	35	23
Sunshine City	22	9	2	11	34	42	20
University	21	7	3	11	29	46	17
Corio	22	5	6	11	32	43	16
Collingwood	22	5	6	11	31	47	16
Sicilia	21	6	4	11	26	52	16
Heidelberg	22	6	3	13	27	47	15
Maccabi	22	5	4	13	25	46	14

SECOND NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	22	22	0	0	117	12	44
Williamstown	22	17	1	4	104	31	35
Libertas	21	14	3	4	67	31	31
Fairfield	22	13	2	7	55	39	28
Norlane-Olympia	22	10	4	8	64	50	24
St. Albans	22	11	2	9	46	50	24
Bendigo	21	10	1	10	57	55	21
I.C.I.	22	8	3	11	43	57	19
Essendon	22	8	3	11	39	56	19
Seymour	22	5	3	14	36	88	13
Cwealth Banks	22	2	0	20	27	97	4
W.W.F.	22	0	0	22	11	100	0

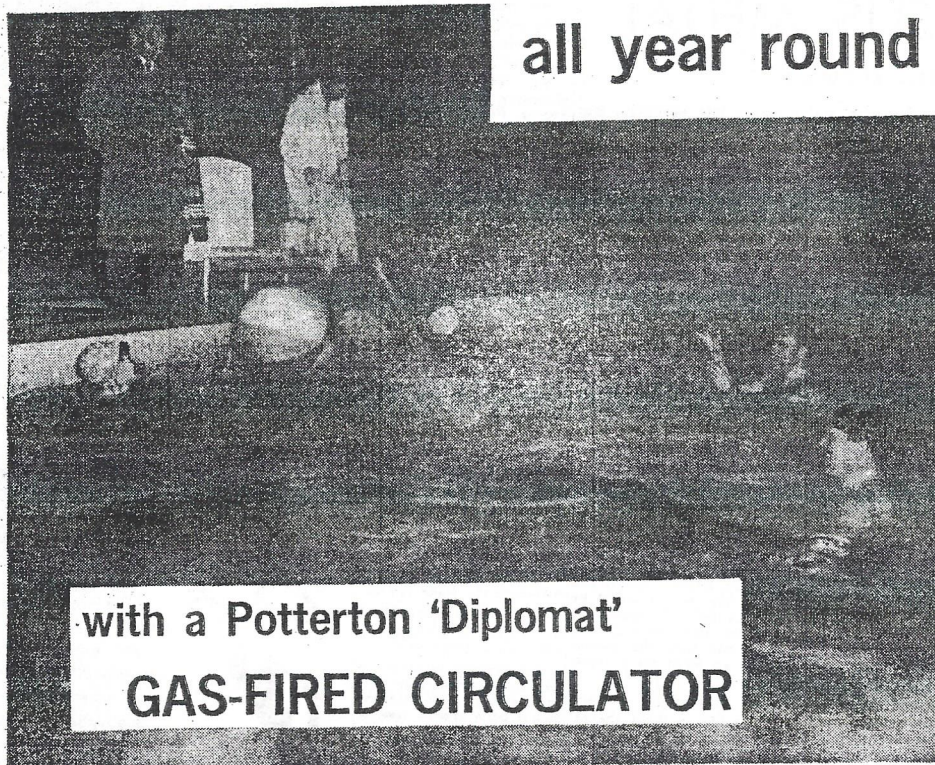
FIRST SOUTH (LEAGUE COMPLETED)	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Richmond	22	14	7	1	59	22	35
Austria	22	14	4	4	53	27	32
Sandringham	22	13	6	3	47	25	32
Brighton	22	10	7	5	48	30	27
Baywater	22	7	7	8	53	37	21
Dandenong	22	7	6	9	50	42	20
Yallourn	22	7	5	10	40	54	19
Oakleigh	22	6	6	10	36	41	18
Yallourn Gully	22	8	2	12	34	47	18
Makedonia	22	5	7	10	31	44	17
Geelong	22	6	3	13	38	62	15
Trident	22	3	4	15	23	81	10

SECOND SOUTH (LEAGUE COMPLETED)	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Triestina	22	16	3	3	70	22	35
South Yarra	22	13	4	5	57	30	30
Frankston	22	13	3	6	79	52	29
Park Rangers	22	12	4	6	71	43	28
F.N.D.	22	12	2	8	60	52	26
Ringwood	21	11	3	7	63	42	25
Kensington	22	12	1	9	46	35	25
Moorabbin	22	11	2	9	64	41	24
Frankton	22	7	2	13	36	65	16
Sunshine Heights	20	4	2	14	29	60	10
Croydon	22	3	2	17	31	85	8
Rosebud	21	1	2	18	22	101	4

FIRST NORTH RESERVES (LEAGUE COMPLETED)	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill	22	18	3	1	91	8	39
Sunshine City	22	16	0	6	38	23	32
Croatia	22	13	4	5	75	30	30
Moonee Ponds	22	14	1	7	46	30	29
University	22	12	2	8	48	33	26
Alexander	22	11	3	8	41	41	25
Coburg	22	10	3	9	24	36	23
Heidelberg	22	10	1	11	32	58	21
Florentina	22	6	4	12	20	43	16
Norlane-Olympia	22	6	0	16	16	59	12
Corio	22	4	1	17	12	48	9
Maccabi	22	1	0	21	6	40	2

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sandringham	22	17	4	1	66	16	38
Dandenong	22	17	4	1	70	19	38
Brighton	22	15	1	6	50	23	31
Austria	22	12	3	7	80	42	27
Makedonia	22	10	3	9	42	43	23
Richmond	22	9	4	9	41	48	22
Baywater	22	8	3	11	46	60	19
Ferntree Gully	22	8	2	12	50	47	18
Geelong	22	6	1	15	27	58	13
Yallourn	22	5	2	15	24	51	12
Frankton	22	6	0	16	19	66	12
Oakleigh	22	5	1	16	18	60	11

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JUNIOR SOCCER TABLES

UNDER-12: Deer Park 1, Ardeer 0.
 UNDER-16: George Cross 1, Lions Melb. A 0.
 UNDER-18: Melbourne 16, Army App. 0; Brighton 2, Wilhelmina 2; Box Hill 5, Hakoah 2.

UNDER-12 ZONE "C"	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia Pt. Melb.	15	13	0	2	26		
Wilhelmina	15	11	0	4	22		
S.M.-Hellas	15	6	1	8	13		
Aspendale	15	5	4	6	14		
Frankston A	15	5	2	8	12		
Frankston B	15	1	1	13	3		

UNDER-14 ZONE "A"	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Trident	15	15	0	0	30		
Sunshine City	15	12	1	2	25		
Nth. Sunshine	16	9	4	3	22		
Olympia	16	11	0	5	22		
J.U.S.T.	16	8	1	7	17		
Lions Melb.	16	6	1	9	13		
Deer P. (I.C.I.)	16	4	2	10	10		
George Cross	16	4	1	11	9		
Ajax	16	3	0	13	6		
Essendon	16	2	0	14	4		

UNDER-14 ZONE "B"	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S.M.-Hellas	15	13	1	1	27		
Springvale	14	13	0	1	26		
Wilhelmina	16	12	1	3	24		
Melbourne	16	11	2	3	22		
Aspendale A	16	8	1	7	17		
Frankston	15	5	2	9	12		
Noble Park							
Tech. A	16	5	2	9	12		
Noble Park	16	3	2	11	8		
Tech. B	15	3	1	11	7		
Aspendale B							

UNDER-18 ZONE "A"	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Albans	14	10	2	2	43	22	
Geo. Cross	14	8	3	3	29	20	19
Ajax	14	8	2	4	27	14	18
Polonia F.	14	8	2	4	18	18	18
Juv. Elst.	14	8	1	5	21	18	17
S'hine C.	14	3	3	8	16	35	9
Watsonia	2	0	0	2	0	20	0

UNDER-18 ZONE "B"	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	15	14	0	1	68	10	28
Brighton	14	12	1	1	46	11	25
Hakoah	16	11	3	2	65	22	25
Box Hill	16	8	3	5	46	24	19
W'mina	15	8	0	7	47	17	18
Aspendale	15	6	2	7	28	34	13
Dandenong	15	4	2	9	20	44	10
Wesley C.	16	2	1	13	18	55	5
Army App.	7	1	1	5	8	38	3

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SIR STANLEY ON ABV-2

An interview with Sir Stanley Rous, FIFA president, will be featured on ABV-2 Channel 2 in the spotlight program on Sunday night at 9.30.

PROMOTION, RELEGATION DECIDED

At a meeting of the council of the Victorian Soccer Federation last Tuesday, it was decided that Richmond will be promoted to the State League for next season and Moreland will be relegated. Because of the merger of Croat-Croatia Lions will remain in the league to make the number of clubs 12.

MISSED AGAIN

Congratulations to Noel Kennedy, Juventus inside-left, who finished runner-up for the second time. Better luck next year Noel.

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George Cross in form and mood to whip Croat

By MORRIE BUCKNER

Major injuries and transfers in the first half of the season cost George Cross its chance for the State League championship, it missed the "final four" and the Australian Cup competition by a whisker, and now the team is looking for a consolation prize.

With the return of Don Hodgson (muscle injury) and Freddie Abela (cartilage operation) and the arrival of Archie Campbell, George Cross has regained the balance, the form, and the mood that make the team a joint cup favorite with Hellas and spells trouble for Croat on Saturday.

As shown quite clearly by their 22 goals in 22 League matches plus one cup tie, Croat attackers—Steve Horvat, Horst Rau, Otto Lucnik, Frank Bot and Roman Pomahac can score goals only against weak or loose defences.

Nobody in their right mind would call the electrified barrier put up by Eddie Azzopardi, Vince Muscat, Eddie Sacca, Fred Falzon, Pat McKenna and Don Hodgson a weak or loose defence.

The total of 25 goals conceded by George Cross in its 23 games this season is ample testimony of the team's defensive strength. Only Hellas and Juventus did better than George Cross in the matter of "goals against" this year, and their margin of superiority in that department was only slight.

At the same time and against the same opponents,

MOONEE PONDS ENJOYS TRIP TO BENALLA

First Division club Moonee Ponds visited Benalla last Sunday and played an exhibition match against a local combined side, winning 5-3.

The secretary of Moonee Ponds, Mr E. Bognar, reports that the ground was as smooth as a billiard table, and that the amenities for the players were splendid.

About 400 fans watched the game, which was preceded by a curtain-raiser in which two ladies' teams competed.

Before returning to Melbourne, the visitors were treated to sumptuously prepared refreshments.

"We are extremely grateful to the Benalla soccer community for a very pleasant day," said Mr Bognar.

Croat yielded 45 goals in their 23 games to date. The combination of Croat's spirit and the creative play of Tommy Sal may help to keep George Cross busy for the first 60 minutes, but from that point on it should be all George Cross.

At the other end of the pitch, Ico Diukic, Bruno Slivar and Peter Carroll will have to contend with the go-through raids of Marshall Gibbs and Freddie

Abela, the cunning of veteran left-winger Bill Copeland, the deft through-passes of Pepe Cubero, the accurate goal-producing centres of Archie Campbell and the dangerous long-shots of Don Hodgson.

Add all those things together and be prepared to see George Cross at the top of the table of Section "A" on goal percentage when the first round of the sectional play-offs end after Sunday's games.

J.U.S.T. TO REPAIR GROUND

As from September 9, Shintler Reserve, the home of J.U.S.T. Soccer Club, will be undergoing extensive ground repairs.

The club wishes to announce that as much as they welcome junior clubs to use their ground, the repairs are very necessary, and must be started immediately.

SPORTSMEN

The award for sportsmanship must surely go to Park Rangers for season 1962.

In 22 League games, not one player received a caution from the referee.

One black mark, however. This good record was noticed because a player did receive a caution last Saturday, but in a Federation Cup match.

THE ARGUS MEDAL

by BILL FLEMING

(Cont. from page 1)

Following an article which appeared in this paper some weeks ago attacking the method of awarding votes and asking "why all the secrecy?" I received a large number of letters, telephone calls and personal requests, to answer the writer. I promised I would do so at the end of the season.

When the Argus sponsored the medal in 1956, naturally they wanted something in return, and progressive votes were published each Monday morning. I saw the danger of this at the end of the 1956 season, when, at the final game, one of two players only could win the medal. They were Bob Wemyss and Pepe Cubero.

Picture the referee on that final Saturday. He knew that he could award the medal to either; they were playing in the same match. He deliberately split his vote so that a dead heat would occur, and no one could blame him. The result was that we awarded two medals.

A situation such as that was, to say the least, embarrassing to the officials. It was then that the decision

was made for secret voting as in the Brownlow Medal, and that all votes would remain sealed in their envelopes until the season was finished.

The referee selects his three best and fairest players during each match. He then places his votes, 3, 2 and 1 in an envelope, seals it and posts it to the secretary of the Referees' Association. These envelopes, marked "Best and Fairest", are locked away until the final match.

At the end of the season, they are opened by two representatives of the Referees' Association, and one independent person. This year it was Alex Barr and myself. An invitation is also extended to the secretary of the Federation, Mr S. Beaton, to be present.

Every vote is counted with the exception of votes awarded to a player who has been convicted by the disciplinary committee; he is automatically disqualified. This year several players started off by polling well, then were convicted of an offence on the field, so were omitted from the count.

If, at the end of the count, there is no outright winner, the count back

comes into operation, that is, the player with the most three or two votes.

After the count, the votes are checked again before the winner is announced. The referees' secretary keeps a full tally of all votes, and clubs wishing to know how one of their players fared are quite justified in asking for his particular tally.

I know of no fairer method than this. Take for instance if votes were recorded weekly and a player was so far in front at the last match that he could not be beaten. The referee, of course, would know this too.

Then that player, shall we say, was being niggled by opposing players, and finally did his block and fouled one of his attackers. What would you do as a referee, knowing that if you sent him off he would be disqualified if convicted? Answer this one truthfully and you have the answer why we insist on a secret vote.

In conclusion, I would again like to thank the referees and their secretary, Mr Lamb. I would like to offer my commiserations to those players who polled so well. To get within one or two votes is disheartening, but there is always next season.

I feel that the subject of this award was more than justified this year. The object, of course, being to keep the game clean and to play it in the true meaning of sport. When 84 players receive votes in one season, I feel that this medal is really worth while.



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SIR STANLEY ROUS 'VERY HOPEFUL'

Sir Stanley Rous left Australia earlier this week leaving behind a message that he was "very hopeful" of Australian soccer being admitted back into the worldwide FIFA organisation.

Australian Soccer Federation officials with representatives from interstate federations met Sir Stanley Rous, president of FIFA, in a special meeting in Sydney last Sunday, to discuss Australia's problems.

Basically Sir Stanley had arrived in this country to talk with the almost defunct Australia Association, represented by Mr S. Storey and Mr R. Drury . . . it was the Australian Association that was banned by FIFA.

Federation officials led by Dr Seamonds and Bob Clark arranged a meeting with Sir Stanley to present the strength and standing of the Federation in all States, and to point out that the Federation ruled the roost of soccer here.

Earlier Bob Clark had said: "As far as we are concerned the Association is dead."

"The Federation must be recognised for what it is, the controlling body of soccer in Australia and the only body which can possibly deal with FIFA".

He added: "We have proposals for Sir Stanley and believe they will be accepted".

Mr Theo Marmaras, chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, spoke on behalf of Victoria and stated that Sir Stanley Rous listened carefully to all the answers given by the Federation officials and Sir Stanley replied that he is "very hopeful of the Australian problem being ironed out".

Naturally Sir Stanley could give no indication of the outcome of the talks. He will be recommending points to the FIFA committee.

Possibly he may recommend several changes that will pave the way for Australia's re-entry.

When asked for a possible date of hearing the result Sir Stanley indicated that it could take several months before a final decision is taken.

"I have been very impressed by the Federation, although the talks are unofficial I shall be reporting everything to my committee", Sir Stanley said.

Sir Stanley went on to say that he will also recommend to the international body that a special committee be set up to deal with players who migrate permanently to this country.

He added: "We had no idea of the rate of progress that Australia has made both in the standard of soccer and the terrific influx of soccer-minded migrants".

This special committee would be expected to give a sympathetic viewpoint to all players who intend to come to this country as genuine migrants.

Other Victorians who travelled to Sydney were Mr S. Beaton, secretary-manager, and Mr M. Weinstein (Hakoah), representing State League clubs. From Queensland Ivan Baraski.

On his return to Melbourne Mr Marmaras said that he felt that things went rather well in Sydney.

"Sir Stanley Rous is a thorough gentleman, and I'm sure that much progress has been made to remove many of the obstacles in the way of Australia's return to FIFA", he added.

Sir Stanley attended a junior game on Saturday and was well pleased with the showing and encouragement given to the younger boys.

Attending a Federation game on Sunday he saw Prague beat Budapest.

Before leaving on Monday, Sir Stanley said how he enjoyed his visit and that he had every hope, in the next few months, of reporting back to Australia.

He added: "We had no idea of the rate of progress that Australia has made both in the standard of soccer and the terrific influx of soccer-minded migrants".

Sir Stanley also hopes to come back to Australia next year.

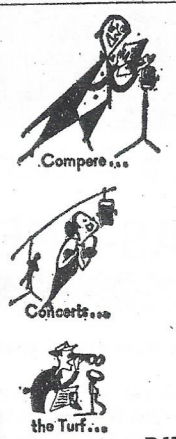
Could it be with a touring team?

Footnote: Sir Stanley Rous has been secretary of the Football Association since 1934 and is only the third secretary in its history.

He had a distinguished career as a referee, which was crowned by the prime honor for referees, the FA Cup Final of 1934. This was the famous match in which the great Frank Swift, then a boy of 19, fainted when the final whistle blew, and was told by Sir Stanley that he had won his coveted medal.

No man has had a greater influence on soccer than Sir Stanley Rous. He was responsible for England's pre-war Continental tours, which had a marked influence on soccer in Europe. He initiated England's return to FIFA. He re-wrote the laws of the game in 1938, and was responsible for the international youth tournament instituted in 1947.

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